

PIERSOL DENIES HE CONFESSED

His Counsel Gives Out Statement
Written in Long Hand Containing
Explanation Regarding
Story.

The Sunday Springfield Republican publishes an article stating that Claud Piersol denies making the sensational confession published last week. The article is as follows:

Claude Piersol, convicted kidnaper, yesterday flatly denied that he made the sensational confession which was attributed to him and printed last Sunday. He repudiates his so-called version of the actual kidnapping of Baby Lloyd Keet in a statement which was written in long hand and given to his attorneys.

"The sensational accounts of my confession in last Sunday's papers had about as much truth in them as the water a duck could hold on its back," he asserts. "I wish the public could hear the real facts of how these sensational paper accounts got started and the real reason back of it."

Piersol's repudiation of the confession is in three parts. He first denies making a second confession and brands as a lie the statement attributed to him that he found it hard to tell on three Springfield men who took part in the crime. The second statement is signed by himself and members of the Adams family and denies that Sheriff Mackey's kindness moved Piersol to confess his guilt; it ridicules stories of midnight lunches in the pail, horseback rides and sleeping in feather beds.

The third part of the repudiation explains recent trips Piersol and Taylor Adams made with Sheriff Mackey. He denies that these trips had any significance and were made only through the courtesy of Sheriff Mackey.

The statements are in Piersol's own handwriting and were written with ink on legal cap paper. It was given out yesterday afternoon. Attorneys for the convicted youth refused to comment on the latest statement other than say that it spoke for itself.

In explaining the "mysterious" trips with Sheriff Mackey recently, Piersol says that on November 23, he, Taylor Adams and the sheriff went to Rogersville, visited Adams' relatives and consulted with his attorney at Ozark. There was nothing mysterious or secret about the trip, he asserts. Piersol tells of a trip to Springfield on Sunday night in company with the sheriff and says its only purpose was for him to visit his parents here.

Piersol says that Sheriff Mackey has been kind to him, but denies that he had enjoyed special privileges or is a trusty. He denies that there have been any fights or quarrels among inmates of the jail.

While the confession last week was generally discredited mainly for the reason that it was incomplete, officials who have been following the case saw in it an admission directly connecting Piersol with the crime. Parts of the confession sounded plausible, but it was lacking in important detail. Some parts of the statement were impossible, authorities pointed out.

Officials here are still of the opinion that Piersol is shielding some of the kidnapers and has never told the true story of the crime.

The people of Monett do not realize the seriousness of the coal shortage. The dealers are making every effort to get coal but the whole town has not been supplied yet this winter. On Monday only half a ton was sent to each person making an order and the coal ran out before many of the orders were filled. The dealers were obliged to refuse to sell to farmers, as they believed that they could haul wood, having their own teams. Town people are not so fortunate and must get supplies from the local dealers or go cold. It has been suggested that furnaces in private houses be shut down and that only one room in a residence be kept warm, to conserve fuel. The fuel administration may make some such ruling if the shortage continues. Patriotic citizens will use every effort to save fuel wherever they can.

Dr. Dusenbury left this morning for Jefferson City, where he will meet with the board of directors of the State Sanatorium. He will be joined at Aurora by Loren E. Seneker, S. H. Minor, E. C. Rosenberg, of Springfield and F. A. Callier, of Mountain Grove.

Miss Mary Stallings returned Sunday, to her home at New Douglas, Ill., after two weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. John Maher.

W. A. Mills and family have returned to their home at Oklahoma City, after a visit with relatives at Monett and Peirce City.

Fred Mermoud has gone to Columbia, where he will finish the course in agriculture at the State University this year.

Glen Mills is home for a short visit with his parents. He is stationed at Camp Perry, at the Great Lakes naval training station.

SOCIETY and Club

ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

Miss Josie Cassidy entertained at 6 o'clock dinner, Tuesday, Misses Cora Lester and Margaret Edgar, O. G. Farley, Ross Monroe and Fred Gibbons.

ENTERTAINED DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Steele entertained a few friends at 6 o'clock dinner, Monday evening. Their guests were Pharis Martin, of Amarillo, Tex., Walter Beckley, of Oklahoma City and Miss Josie Cassidy.

NEW YEARS DINNER

Mrs. J. J. Peck entertained at twelve o'clock dinner on New Years day at her home on West Broadway. The dinner table was decorated with flowers and holly.

The guests were Misses Lucy Steadman, Nora Howell and Mrs. Kines.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. D. J. Randolph surprised her daughter, Mrs. Mae Short, Monday by giving a birthday dinner.

The centerpiece was a large angel-food cake baked by Mrs. Mart Randolph.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Mart Randolph and baby, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Randolph and Mrs. Mae Short.

NEW YEARS DINNER

Miss Ruth Cole entertained at a one o'clock dinner for her brother, Russell, who is home on a short vacation from the Arkansas University at Fayetteville.

The guests were Miss Hortense Dwyer, Russell Cole and two of his friends from Fayetteville; Miss Ruth Cole and Mr. and Mrs. A. Cole.

SLUMBER PARTY

Miss Ruth Sizer entertained a few of her friends at a slumber party New Years evening.

The evening was spent in playing games and dancing.

A one course lunch was served to Misses Ruby Waite, Maizie Amber, Gladys Jeffries, Jessie Bell and Norine Wilson, Messrs. Alby Anderson, Hiram Bradford, Loren Swartzel, Kenneth Wright and John T. Westbay.

SIX O'CLOCK DINNER

Mrs. Harriet R. White was given a surprise dinner Tuesday evening, it being her sixty-eighth birthday anniversary.

She received a basket from her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Osborn, of Wichita, Kan., which contained a large cake and fruits of all kinds.

The guests were Mrs. E. E. Johnson and daughters Nadine, Zola and Isabell, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Johnson, Miss Grace Waite, Ruby Waite, Maizie Amber, Messrs. Andrew Terry, Ferris Davis and Charles Waite.

ENTERTAINS 500 CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Hudson entertained the 500 club on Monday evening at their home at 600 Frisco avenue. Mrs. W. D. Steele and Mrs. E. W. Pfau held the highest scores. Following the games the guests danced the old year out.

Club members present were Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pfau, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sax, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perry, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Beckham and Pharis Martin, of Amarillo, Tex.

NEW YEARS PARTY

Miss Helen Davis entertained a few of her friends at a New Years party at her home Monday evening.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with Christmas bells, holly wreaths and cedar.

Music, games and dancing were the amusements of the evening and at twelve o'clock Mrs. J. J. Davis served a one course lunch.

The guests were Misses Dorothy and Mary Burke, Margaret Chapell, Georgia West, Charlotte Bradford, Ruby Waite, Messrs. Ferris Davis, Harry Burgess, Gilbert Thompson, George Reynaud, Paul Matthews and Henry Lautaret.

DANCE AT DEER HALL

John Charles Wagner and Raymond Kingery gave a dance at the Deer hall Monday evening.

Ray Roberts and Dr. Thiele, of Peirce City, Mrs. Mabel Wagoner and George Rice furnished the music.

At twelve o'clock they had an intermission and the dancers took supper at the Broadway Hotel.

Among the out of town guests were Misses Nona and Mattie Deaton, Martha McDonald, Electa Ellis, Amy Solomon, Marie Hayden, Marjorie Manlove, of Peirce City, and Miss Mildred Burns, of Springfield, Messrs. Tony Thiele, Ben Manlove and son Duddin, George Bradford and Gaylor Bennett, of Peirce City, Clarence Boston, of St. Louis and Tom Henry of Tulsa, Okla.

NEW YEAR PARTY

Mrs. Gussye Stanley entertained a number of her friends at her home on Third street Monday evening.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with ferns and cut flowers.

The evening was spent in playing ruck, fortune telling and dancing. Miss Thelma Shreeves gave some special selections on the violin accompanied by Miss Beulah Weypong at the piano.

Mrs. Huffman served a luncheon of Spanish sandwiches, celery, pickles, hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows.

The guests were Misses Cora Summers, Beryl Orahod, Beulah Weypong and Iona Harris, of Aurora, Misses Clara Vaughan, Iva Suttles, Ruby Dickerson, Lula Schaffnitt, Thelma Shreeves, Mrs. Gussye Stanley, Mrs. B. A. Huffman, Messrs. Ed Huffman and Floyd Huffman.

BROTHERHOOD GIVES OLD

-OLD FASHIONED CANDY PULL

The Brotherhood of the Baptist church gave an old fashion molasses candy pull New Years eve to the Baptists and their friends.

They gave an interesting program in the auditorium in the early evening.

The church was decorated with bells and large stars and the platform had a large archway across the front decorated with crystal and stars.

Emory V. Smith made the candy in the basement of the church and it was served in plates to about seventy people.

Following is the program:

Song—Congregation.

Talk—D. S. Mayhew

Solo—"Keep the Home Fires Burning"—Mrs. Percy Johnston.

Talk and Song in Italian—A Bounous

Talk—Dan Meador

Solo—"The Singing in God's Acre"—

—Mrs. W. A. Todd

Recitation—Fern Mayhew.

Solo—Jack Thomson.

Talk—W. E. Spillman

Male Quartet—Percy Johnson, Dan Meador, Roy Brown and Harry Fleming.

Solo in Scotch—Jack Thomson.

The affair was one of the jolliest ever held at the church and the men demonstrated their ability as entertainers. The evening was heartily enjoyed by everyone present.

SURPRISE PARTY

Miss Grace Whitlatch, who leaves Monday evening for Los Angeles, Calif., was given a complete surprise party by the members of the D D D D Club, Saturday evening.

The club members met at the home of Miss Whitlatch and told her to get on her hat and coat and come with them for a lark.

Miss Beulah Watson said on behalf of the club she wanted to give Miss Whitlatch something to think about while getting ready to come with the crowd, so gave her a very pretty ivory perfume stand containing three fancy perfume bottles.

After Miss Grace recovered from her surprise and thanked the girls for their kind consideration of her, they made up a line party to the Gem.

After the crew they returned to the Whitlatch home and had a most jolly time recounting their experiences. Some of the girls have been away and of course they had oodles of things to talk about.

Miss Pearl Chapell, who teaches school in Tulsa, Okla., and is home for the holidays told the girls something of the Red Cross work which is being done in that place and kept up a lively interest demonstrating how to make torches like those used in the trenches.

Late in the evening Miss Whitlatch served a luncheon to the following: Misses Ruth Bradford, Beulah Watson, Vera Feist, Anna Jacobs, Jessie Burgess, Grace DeBrosse, Pearl Chapell of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Wesley Bradford.

PHILATHEA PARTY

The members of the Philathea Class were entertained at a holiday party Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Sater, with Mrs. Solon Wright, Mrs. Harry Fleming, Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Adams, Miss Periman and Mrs. Sater, officers of the class for the past year, as hostesses.

Musical numbers, readings, contests and charades furnished entertainment to about twenty-five guests and the afternoon's pleasure closed with lunch and the following class yell, given most enthusiastically:

Philathea! Philathea!
That's our name,
To make the world better—
That's our aim.
We stand by the Bible
And the Bible school,
For we are Philatheas.
We do things!!
Hip! Hip! Hip!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Zip! Zip! Zip!
PHILATHEA!

FIVE O'CLOCK DINNER

Mrs. C. H. Ring, 306 Fourth street, delightfully entertained a few of her

friends Sunday at five o'clock dinner.

The table was very pretty with a large bowl of pink and white roses. Cut fern was also used in the table decorations. The house was decorated with flowers and holly.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chapell and daughter, Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gabriel, and daughter Pauline, Mrs. Hawes, Mrs. Ring's mother, Dr. Boyd Grever, of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ring.

MEAT MARKET SOLD

Louis Balden has purchased the meat market formerly formerly owned by G. D. Winton.

Mr. Balden is an experienced man in that line of business and he will have an up-to-date meat market.

Mr. Winton has not yet decided what he will do but is still in Monett.

Miss Sadie Johnston who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston, returned to St. Louis, Sunday evening, where she is a student at Browns college.

J. C. Yates has returned to his home at Harrison, Ark. Mrs. Yates, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Salzer, will return home Friday.

Janice Snider left Monday morning for her home at Collinsville, Okla., after a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Perriman.

Russell Cole returned to Fayetteville, Ark., Wednesday morning where he is a student at the Arkansas University.

Prof. Sam Rice, teacher of journalism in the Kansas State University, with his family, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lehnard.

Miss Mildred Burns returned to her home at Springfield, Tuesday night, after a visit with Monett relatives and friends.

Kenneth Wright returned to Columbia, Wednesday morning, where he is a student at the State University.

Miss Sadie Johnston has returned to St. Louis, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston.

Misses Hazel and Jewel Richardson, who have been working at Picher, Okla., have returned to Monett on account of so many cases of smallpox in and around Picher.

Mr. and Mrs. Press Hopkins and baby Elen Gayle, who have been visiting in Monett for a few days, returned to their home in Kansas City, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. John Wallace and daughter Virginia, of Wichita, Kan., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston and family.

Mrs. B. F. Powers, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester Powers, went to Springfield, Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Cates.

Miss Rose Cunningham, teacher in High School at Kansas City, is visiting her sister, Miss Anna Cunningham.

Mrs. W. D. Wainright, of Picher, Okla., is visiting Wm. Wainright and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Campbell, of east of town, were shopping in Monett, today.

Ruth Patton has returned home from a visit with her grandmother at Mount Vernon.

Milt Walters is home on a short furlough from the Great Lakes Naval training station.

Elmer Bandy, of Carterville, returned home Tuesday evening after a visit with his mother.

Mildred Burns, who spent the holidays in Monett, returned to her home at Springfield, Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Lane Guinney, of Sapulpa, Ok., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Salzer.

Mrs. Norman Hudson visited in Peirce City, Tuesday.

Miss Marie Flaherty spent Tuesday in Peirce City, visiting friends.

Mrs. Lawrence Welsh visited friends in Peirce City, Tuesday.

Terry Scarborough, from the Great Lakes Naval training station, is in Monett on a short visit. His brother, Ray, of Mountain Grove, is also visiting here.

Do you get up at night? Sanol is surely the best for all kidney or bladder troubles. Sanol gives relief in 24 hours from all backache and bladder troubles. Sanol is a guaranteed remedy. 35c and \$1.00 a bottle at the drug store.—Adv.

When in need of dental work see Dr. M. L. Ingram over Tutt & Osborn's. Phone 518.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

All creditors and others interested in the estate of Mary Auffert, deceased, are notified that the undersigned administrator of said estate, intends to make a final settlement of said estate at the next term of the Probate Court of Barry county, to be held at Cassville in said county, on the 10th day of February, 1918.

CLEM AUFFERT, Adm.
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SALZER MILL

CHANGES OWNERSHIP

Ball & Gunning, of Webb City, Are Purchasers and Take Charge January 1.

The Salzer Milling Company has sold their mill to Ball & Gunning, of Webb City, who are now in charge of the business. The owners, George Ball and W. S. Gunning, are wealthy mine owners at Webb City and will keep the mill on a paying basis.

A. C. Squibb, who had charge of R. C. Stone elevator here from 1904 to 1911, will manage the business. Besides his experience here, he has been interested in milling in various capacities for a number of years and is well qualified to manage the new business.

The new firm will be called the Monett Mill and Elevator Company. They are busy invoicing the stock and will be ready for active business in a few days.

John Salzer, who has had charge of the mill since it was sold by the Patterson Milling Company, is retiring from business.

NEW SITE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Program of Woman's Missionary Society all-day meeting at New Site, Monday, January 14, 1917.

10 a. m., Devotional service led by the president of the Society, Mrs. M. C. Banks.

Loyalty to Our Cross Bearers—Mrs. G. M. Withers.

Talk by Pastor, C. M. Smith.

12 m., Dinner at the Church.

1 p. m., Short Devotional Service—Mrs. B. W. Withers.

Woman's Work in China—Miss Nettie Fleetwood, Miss Ava Banks and Mrs. Brendlinger.

Song.

Our First Woman Delegate—Mrs. Pleas Carlin.

Mexico—Mrs. A. E. Banks.

Song.

Works of Grace Among Japanese Women—Mrs. Brit Goodnight.

Scripture Reading, How to Pray—Mrs. Warner.

Autobiography of a Missionary Doctor—Mrs. Ora Teel.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Shop and Railroad News

Geo. L. Wood of St. Louis, has accepted a position as brakeman out of Monett. He is a son of G. M. Wood.

Claud White is working as weigh master for the Frisco at the east yard office.

The Frisco will build a new general office building at Sapulpa, Okla., to replace the old structure which recently burned down. The plans are for a modern building of the bungalow type.

Mrs. Jake Patton, who has been visiting in Tulsa, Okla., for a few days, returned home Monday evening.

An editor had a notice posted over his desk on which was printed "accuracy! accuracy! accuracy!" And this he always pointed out to new reporters. One day the youngest member of the staff came in with his report of a public meeting. The editor read it through and came to the sentence: "Three thousand, nine hundred and ninety nine eyes were fixed upon the speakers."

"What do you mean by making a silly blunder like that?" he demanded wrathfully.

"But it's not a blunder," protested the youngster. "There was a one-eyed man in the audience!"—Minn. Tribune.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

State of Missouri, County of Barry: Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Alexander Rosewicz, deceased, that I, John Rosewicz, administrator of the said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Barry county to be held at Cassville on the 10th day of February, 1918.

JOHN ROSEWICZ, Administrator.

D. S. Mayhew, Attorney.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

All creditors and others interested in the estate of John H. Ferguson, deceased, are notified that the undersigned administrator of said estate intends to make a final settlement of said estate at the next term of the Probate Court of Barry county, to be held at Cassville in said county, on the 10th day of February, 1918.

B. W. WITHERS, Administrator.

This 10th day of December, 1917.

JOHN T. BURGESS, Atty.

First insertion, Dec. 14, 1917.

I cure persons of pyorrhea. Dr. L. West, Dentist, 210 Third St.

NOTICE TO PICKLE GROWERS

The following prices will be paid during season of 1918.

Straight pickles, 1 to 4 inches in length, per 100 lbs. \$1.50
Straight pickles, 4 to 5 1/2 inches in length, per 100 lbs. .70
Nubs and crooked pickles, per 100 lbs. .40
Seed furnished free of cost to growers.

Payments cash on delivery.

THE D. M. SEARS CO.

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For Rent—3-room bungalow, furnished, on Lake Taneycomo, by the week or month. 8 miles down the lake from Branson. Good hunting and fishing. Inquire of George A. Shaffer, 212 Fourth street, Monett, Mo.

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For first class dental work go to Dr. J. P. Woods, upstairs in State Bank building.

FRISCO TIME CARD

BETWEEN ST. LOUIS AND MONETT

Arrivals
No. 3. Texan 5:20 p.m.
No. 5. Tex. & Calif. Lmt. . . 4:40 a.m.
No. 7. Southwest 6:10 a.m.
No. 9. Meteor 10:40 a.m.
No. 13. Accommodation . . . 8:20 p.m.
No. 27. Local Passenger . . . 9:45 a.m.

Departures
No. 4. Texan 9:55 a.m.
No. 6. St. Louis Limited . . . 11:24 p.m.
No. 8. St. L. & Memp. 9:05 p.m.
No. 10. Meteor 11:40 a.m.
No. 12. California Express . . 5:35 a.m.
No. 28. Springfield & Joplin . 4:35 p.m.

BETWEEN MONETT, FT. SMITH AND PARIS

Arrivals
No. 4. Texan 9:35 a.m.
No. 6. St. Louis Limited . . . 11:00 p.m.
No. 716. Eastern Express . . . 7:45 p.m.

Departures
No. 3. Texan 5:40 p.m.
No. 5. Texas Limited 5:10 a.m.
No. 715. Little Rock Exp. . . 10:05 a.m.

BETWEEN MONETT, WICHITA AND ELLSWORTH

Arrivals
No. 306. Southwest Lmt. . . 11:05 p.m.
No. 304. Eastern Express . . . 9:30 a.m.
No. 312. St. L. & Tex. Exp. . . 5:05 a.m.
No. 328. Springfield Exp. . . 4:25 p.m.